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FORM FOR  
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STONE OF A CHURCH

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I.

FORM FOR THE

LAYING OF A FOUNDATION STONE

OF A CHURCH.

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*All things being disposed in order for the Laying of the  
Stone, the Bishop<sup>1</sup> shall say,*

Except the Lord build the house,

*Answer. Their labour is but lost that build it.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord ;

*Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.*

O Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer. And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord ;

*Answer. From this time forth for evermore.*

*Then shall be sung Psalm lxxxiv.*

*Quam dilecta.*

O how amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of hosts !

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the  
courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the  
living God.

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Whatsoever part in this Office is assigned to the Bishop, may, in his absence, be taken by the Archdeacon, or such other Priest as shall be appointed thereto.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee : in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

*Then shall the Minister say,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer. And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Then the Bishop, standing up and laying his hand upon the Stone, shall say,*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person; the one Foundation, and the chief Corner Stone; Bless what we now do in laying this Stone in Thy Name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the Glory of Thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister say,*

Behold I lay in Sion a chief Corner Stone, elect, precious.

*Answer. And he that believeth in Him shall not be confounded.*

The Stone which the builders refused,

*Answer. Is become the headstone of the corner.*

This is the Lord's doing;

*Answer. And it is marvellous in our eyes.*

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,

*Answer. Which is Jesus Christ.*

Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.*

*Then, all things being made ready, the Stone shall be laid by the person appointed thereto with these words :*

In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this Foundation Stone, in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Bishop say,*

Here let true faith, the fear of God, and brotherly love ever remain. This place is set apart for prayer and for the praise of the most holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ever liveth with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall be read this Lesson :*

Ezra iii. 10, 11.

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD ; because He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

*Then shall the Bishop say,*

The Lord be with you.

*Answer. And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; who yet hast promised to be present wherever two or three are gathered together in Thy Name; Vouchsafe to guide and bless the efforts now being made to raise a House for Thy worship and service in this parish, and grant us such success as may tend most to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who art the shield and defence of Thy people, be ever at hand, we beseech Thee, to protect and succour the builders of this house: keep them in their building from all sin and profaneness, and shelter them from all accident and peril; that the work which, through Thy mercy, hath now been begun, may by their labour be brought to a happy end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast built the living temple of Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief Corner Stone; Grant unto the work of Thine own hands continual increase of glory and spiritual strength, and daily make Thy people more meet for the eternal tabernacle of Thy rest in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Bishop speak to the People.*

*After a Hymn has been sung, the Bishop shall say the following Prayers:*

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help;

that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head Corner Stone ; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING.

The LORD bless you, and keep you : The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you : The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. *Amen.*



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## II.

# FORM FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH OR MISSION CHAPEL.

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*The Bishop, having declared his readiness to proceed to the Dedication, shall pass with the Clergy, the Churchwardens and others towards the Holy Table, Psalm cxxii. being meanwhile said or sung :*

*Lætatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

*The Bishop, standing at the Holy Table, and turning to the people, shall say :*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the order and decency of things, have erected Houses for the public worship of God, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and to affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service ; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father : let us not doubt but He will also graciously approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place, in a solemn manner, to the performance of the several offices of religious worship ; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking.

¶ *Then, the people kneeling, the Bishop shall say :*

O eternal God, mighty in power, and of Majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy special presence in whatever place even two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name to offer

their supplications and their praises to Thee ; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to set apart this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honour of Thy great Name, dedicating it to Thy service for reading therein Thy most holy Word [for celebrating Thy holy Sacraments], for offering to Thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing Thy people in Thy Name, and for performing all other holy ordinances which may be lawfully used and solemnized therein. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may promote Thy glory, and the salvation of Thy people ; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop, standing at the Holy Table, and turning his face towards the congregation, who continue kneeling, say :*

[Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated unto Thee in this house by baptism may be sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit, delivered from Thy wrath, received into the ark of Christ's Church, and ever remain among the number of Thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*]

[Grant, O Lord, that they who in this place shall, in their own persons, renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may be strengthened by the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and, being defended with Thy heavenly grace, may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Thy everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*]

[Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Thy Son, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance, and, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*]

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near unto Thee in this place, to give Thee thanks for the great benefits they have received at Thy hands, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto Thee, and to ask such other things as are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul, may draw near with such steadfastness of faith, seriousness of attention, and devout affection of the mind, that Thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to them whatsoever in Thy infinite wisdom Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them; and this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow (in shortened form, if desired) the Order of Morning or Evening Prayer. The Proper Psalms shall be Psalms lxxxiv, cxxii, cxxxii (one or more). The first Lesson shall be 1 Kings viii. 10-31, or 2 Chron. vi. 12-vii. 4. The second Lesson shall be 1 Cor. iii. 10-17, or Heb. x. 19-26.*

*1 Chron 29: 9-21.*

¶ *After the Collect for the Day, the Bishop shall say the following Prayers :*

O most blessed Saviour, who, by Thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour such religious services as this for which we are now gathered together, be present with us at this time by Thy Holy Spirit, and, because holiness becometh Thine House for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us, and that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to love and follow Thee, who art our Saviour, Lord and God blessed for evermore.  
*Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee, by Thy good Spirit, to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to erect this House to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families and substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If there be a Celebration of Holy Communion, the following Collect shall be said after the Collect for the Day :*

O most glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any thing belonging unto us. Yet we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to accept the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking. Receive the prayers and inter- ✓

cessions of Thy servants, who either now or hereafter entering into this House shall call upon Thee, and give them grace to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear. Affect us with an awful apprehension of Thy divine Majesty and a deep sense of our own unworthiness, that, so approaching Thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, with purity and sincerity of heart, we may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle shall be Revelation xxi. 2-5. The Gospel shall be St. Matthew xxi. 9-17.*



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### III.

## FORM OF CONSECRATING A CHURCH.

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- ¶ *The Bishop, attended by his Chancellor and Chaplains, is received at the entrance of the Church or Churchyard by the Minister, the Churchwardens and others. A Petition, signed as the case may require, is delivered to him by the Minister, or some other of the persons present, praying him to Consecrate the Church [and the Burial Ground thereto belonging].*

*The Bishop receives the Petition, directs the Registrar to read the same, and signifies his consent to Consecrate the Church [and Burial Ground], according to the prayer of the Petitioners.*

- ¶ *Then shall the Bishop and Clergy, with the Churchwardens and others, proceed towards the Holy Table, the Twenty-fourth Psalm being meanwhile said or sung.*

*Domini est terra.*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in His holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Bishop and his Chaplains shall go to the Holy Table, and the Bishop, sitting in his chair, shall receive from the person appointed the Deed of Conveyance, Donation, or Endowment. The Bishop shall lay the same upon the Holy Table: then, turning to the people, he shall say:*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Holy Spirit, or by express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of the order and decency of things, have erected Houses for the public worship of God, and separated

them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for His glorious Majesty, and to affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His service; which pious works have been approved and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father: let us not doubt but He will also graciously approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place, in a solemn manner, to the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly beg His blessing on this our undertaking.

¶ *Then, all kneeling, the Bishop shall say:*

O eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thy special presence in whatever place even two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name to offer their supplications and their praises to Thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be now present with us, who are gathered here together to consecrate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart, to the honour of Thy great Name, separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses, dedicating it to Thy service for reading therein Thy most holy Word, for celebrating Thy holy Sacraments, for offering to Thy glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing Thy people in Thy Name, and for performing all other holy ordinances which may be lawfully used and solemnised therein. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may promote Thy glory, and the salvation of Thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Bishop, proceeding in order, if he think fit, to the Font, the Chancel step, the Lectern or Pulpit, and the Holy Table, or standing throughout at the Holy Table, and turning his face towards the Congregation, who continue kneeling, say :*

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated unto Thee in this house by baptism, may be sanctified by Thy Holy Spirit, delivered from Thy wrath, received into the ark of Christ's Church, and ever remain among the number of Thy faithful and elect children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who in this place shall, in their own persons, renew the promises and vows made by their sureties for them at their baptism, and thereupon shall be confirmed by the Bishop, may be strengthened by the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and being defended with Thy heavenly grace, may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto Thy everlasting Kingdom. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may remain in perfect love and peace together unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ Thy Son, may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance, and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His passion. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near unto Thee in this place, to give Thee thanks for the great benefits they have received at Thy hands, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto Thee, and to ask such other things as are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul, may draw near with such steadfastness of faith, seriousness of attention, and devout affection of the mind, that Thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to them whatsoever in Thy infinite wisdom Thou shalt see to be most expedient for them; and this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *The Bishop being seated, the Sentence of Consecration shall be read by the Chancellor or Registrar. The Bishop shall then sign the Sentence, and direct that it be preserved among the muniments of the Diocese.*

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¶ *Then shall follow, in shortened form, the Order of Morning or Evening Prayer. The Proper Psalms shall be Psalms lxxxiv, cxxii, cxxxii (one or more). The first Lesson shall be 1 Kings viii. 10-31, or 2 Chron. vi. 12-vii. 4. The second Lesson shall be 1 Cor. iii. 10-17, or Heb. x. 19-26.*

¶ *After the Collect for the Day, the Bishop shall say the following Prayers :*

O most blessed Saviour, who, by Thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour such religious services as this for which we are now gathered together, be present with us at this time by Thy Holy Spirit, and, because holiness becometh Thine House for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us, and that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to love and follow Thee, who art our Saviour, Lord and God blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, that it hath pleased Thee, by Thy good Spirit, to put into the hearts of Thy servants the desire to erect this House to Thy honour and worship. Bless, O Lord, them, their families and substance, and accept the work of their hands; and grant, we beseech Thee, that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may shew forth their thankfulness by making a right use thereof, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *If there be a Celebration of Holy Communion, the following Collect shall be said after the Collect for the Day.*

O most glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any thing belonging unto us. Yet we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness to accept the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking. Receive the prayers and intercessions of Thy servants, who either now or hereafter

entering into this House shall call upon Thee, and give them grace to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear. Affect us with an awful apprehension of Thy divine Majesty and a deep sense of our own unworthiness, that so approaching Thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, with purity and sincerity of heart, we may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle shall be Revelation xxi. 2-5. The Gospel shall be St. Matthew xxi. 9-17.*

¶ *Immediately before the final Blessing, the Bishop shall say the following Prayer:*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth: bless, we beseech Thee, the religious service of this day, and grant that in this place, now set apart to Thy service, Thy holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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## IV.

# FORM FOR THE RE-OPENING OF A RESTORED CHURCH.



*The Bishop is received at the entrance of the Restored Church, or of the Churchyard, by the Minister and the Churchwardens, and proceeds with the Clergy, the Churchwardens and others towards the Holy Table, Psalm cxviii. 19-29 being sung :*

Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord : the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank Thee, for Thou hast heard me : and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused : is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing : and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made : we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O Lord : O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord : we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord who hath shewed us light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee : Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : and His mercy endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Bishop say this Prayer, all standing :*

Let us pray.

We are not worthy, O Lord, to enter into Thy presence, for Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil. But Thou, Lord, art merciful, and full of compassion. Forgive us all the sins and offences of our past lives, whereby we have grieved and wearied Thee, and receive us again to Thy favour. Grant that Thine eyes may be upon us continually as we enter into this Thine House, and that all our thoughts and words may be hallowed by Thy presence. Let Thy holy Angels be with us and about us, and Thy Holy Spirit within us, that in all our works and ways we may glorify Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Bishop, standing at the Holy Table,  
and turning to the people, say :*

Dearly beloved in the Lord, we are gathered together to-day to render humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for His goodness in prospering the work of the Restoration of this Church, and to implore the continuance of His favour and blessing upon it. Wherefore I bid you secretly in your prayers to ask God's blessing upon this Church, for which prayer there shall be silence kept for a space.

*Then shall secret Prayer be made, all kneeling.  
After this shall be sung, all still kneeling, the following  
Hymn :*

Come, HOLY GHOST, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire ;  
Thou the anointing SPIRIT art,  
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love ;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
With the abundance of Thy grace :  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home ;  
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the FATHER, SON,  
And THEE, of both, to be but ONE ;  
That, through the ages all along,  
This may be our endless song :

Praise to Thy eternal Merit,  
FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

*Then the Bishop shall say :*

O most blessed Saviour, who, in the days of Thy earthly Ministry, by Thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication, didst approve and honour such service as this which we are now offering unto Thee, be present with us by Thy Holy Spirit; and, because holiness becometh Thine House for ever, sanctify us, we pray Thee, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto Thee; and so dwell in our hearts by faith, and possess our souls by Thy grace, that nothing which defileth may enter into us; but that, being cleansed from all carnal and corrupt affections, we may ever be devoutly given to serve Thee in all good works, who art our Saviour, Lord, and God, blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to restore and adorn this House for Thy honour and worship, and for the ministry of Thy holy Word and Sacraments. Bless, O Lord, them, their families, and substance, and accept the work of their hands: remember them concerning this; wipe not out this kindness that they have showed for the House of their God, and for the offices thereof; and grant that all who now or hereafter shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness to Thee for the same, by making a right use of it, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

<sup>1</sup> O most glorious Lord God, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto Thee any thing belonging unto us. Yet we beseech Thee of Thy great goodness

<sup>1</sup> If there be a Celebration of the Holy Communion, this Collect shall be said in that Office and not in this place.

to accept the dedication of this place to Thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking. Receive the prayers and intercessions of Thy servants, who either now or hereafter entering into this House shall call upon Thee, and give them grace to serve Thee with reverence and godly fear. Affect us with an awful apprehension of Thy divine Majesty and a deep sense of our own unworthiness, that so approaching Thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, with purity and sincerity of heart, we may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, particularly for those of this Diocese and Parish, that they may be always found waiting on their ministry, and by their life and doctrine may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of the immortal souls committed to their charge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Here may be sung a Hymn.*

*Then shall be said MORNING or EVENING PRAYER  
(in shortened form if desired).*

*Instead of the Psalms for the Day, one or more of the following may be used :*

Psalms xxvii, xlv, xlvi, xlvii, xlvihi, lxxxiv, lxxxvii, c, cxxii, cxxxii, cxxxiii, cxxxiv, cl.

*For Proper Lessons any of the following may be used :*

First Lesson :—2 Chron. xxxiv. 8–28 ; Ezra iii ; Isaiah lviii ; Haggai ii.

Second Lesson :—St. Luke ii. 25–end ; xix. 37–end ; St. John ii. 13–22 ; Eph. ii ; Rev. xxi.

*If the Church be dedicated in the name of any Saint for whose Festival a Collect is provided, such Collect may be used instead of, or in addition to, the Collect for the Day.*

*A Sermon or Address shall be given in the usual place.*

*Before the final Blessing shall be said this Prayer :*

O eternal Lord God, who holdest all souls in life, we beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole Church the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort ; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served Thee here and are at rest, may at length enter with them into Thine unending joy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God, &c.

*At the Celebration of the Holy Communion shall be used the Collect on page 27. The Portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle shall be Revelation xxi. 2–5 ; and the Gospel, St. Matthew xxi. 9–17.*



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¶ *The Deed of Conveyance or Donation of the Ground, with such other Documents as are requisite, shall be laid before the Bishop or his Chancellor some time before the day appointed.*

¶ *At the time of the Consecration the Bishop shall be received at the entrance of the Church or Churchyard by the Clergy of the Parish, the Churchwardens, and others. The Petition for Consecration shall be then presented, and read, if so desired; to which the Bishop shall signify his assent in these words:*

I am ready to proceed to the Consecration.

*Then may follow MORNING or EVENING PRAYER  
within the Church.*

*The shortened Form may be used.*

*The following directions shall be observed.*

*In place of the ordinary Sentence or Sentences shall be said one or more of the following :*

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground ; for out of it wast thou taken : for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.—Gen. iii. 19.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was : and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.—Eccles. xii. 1, 7.

O Death, where is thy sting ? O Grave, where is thy victory ? The sting of death is sin ; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. xv. 55-57.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.—Heb. ix. 27.

#### PROPER PSALMS.

Psalms xxxix and xc.

#### PROPER LESSONS.

First Lesson.—Gen. xxiii, *or* xxxv. 6-20, *or* Deut. xxxiv. 1-8.

Second Lesson.—St. Luke xxiii. 50 to end, *or* St. John v. 21.-29, *or* xix. 38 to end, *or* 1 Thess. iv. 13 to end.

*After the third Collect an Anthem or Hymn may be sung. Then the Bishop, preceded by the Churchwardens, and followed by the Clergy, the Choir, and the Congregation, shall proceed round the ground to be Consecrated, saying or singing one or more of the Psalms following :*

Psalm xvi. *Conserva me Domine.*

Preserve me, O God : for in Thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord : Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto Thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth : and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god : shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer : neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord Himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup : Thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning : my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me : for He is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell : neither shalt Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life ; in Thy presence is the fulness of joy : and at Thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Psalm xxiii. *Dominus regit me.*

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me ; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Psalm xlix. *Audite hæc omnes.*

O hear ye this, all ye people : ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world ;

High and low, rich and poor : one with another.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom : and my heart shall muse of understanding.

I will incline mine ear to the parable : and shew my dark speech upon the harp.

Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness : and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about ?

There be some that put their trust in their goods : and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

But no man may deliver his brother : nor make agreement unto God for him ;

For it cost more to redeem their souls : so that he must let that alone for ever ;

Yea, though he live long : and see not the grave.

For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together : as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.

And yet they think that their houses shall continue forever : and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another ; and call the lands after their own names.

Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour : seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish ; this is the way of them.

This is their foolishness : and their posterity praise their saying.

They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning : their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.

But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell : for He shall receive me.

Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich : or if the glory of his house be increased ;

For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth : neither shall his pomp follow him.

For while he lived, he counted himself a happy man : and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.

He shall follow the generation of his fathers : and shall never see light.

Man being in honour hath no understanding : but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

¶ Or,

*Should it be inconvenient, from inclemency of weather or other cause, to proceed round the ground, the Bishop, standing in some convenient place upon the ground, shall say these verses in place of the foregoing Psalms :*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

*Answer. For Thou art with me ; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.*

*Bishop. For why ? Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell ;*

*Answer. Neither shalt Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption.*

*Bishop. But as for me, I will behold Thy presence in righteousness.*

*Answer. And when I awake up after Thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.*

*Then shall the Bishop say :*

Dearly beloved in the Lord ; forasmuch as devout and holy men under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Blessed Spirit or by their own reason and sense of order and decency, have set apart peculiar places where the bodies of the saints of Christ might rest in peace until the general resurrection at the last day ; which pious works have been graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father ; let us not doubt but that He will favourably approve our present purpose of setting apart this place in like manner ; and let us faithfully and devoutly pray for His blessing on this our undertaking, and say :

O Lord God, Thou hast taught us in Thy holy Word that there is a difference between the soul of a beast that



goeth downwards to the earth, and the spirit of a man which ascendeth up to God who gave it: and likewise, by the example of Thy holy servants in all ages, hast taught us to assign peculiar places where the bodies of Thy saints may rest in peace and be preserved from all indignities, whilst their souls are safely kept in the hands of their faithful Redeemer.

Ensuing then the steps of the faith of Thy servants, we have made choice of the place wherein we now are, that it may be Thy storehouse for the bodies of such of our brethren and sisters to be laid up in as Thou shalt ordain there to be interred. We beseech Thee, good Lord, to accept this charitable work of ours; and mercifully grant that they whose bodies shall be here bestowed, and we all, may never forget the day of putting off the tabernacle of this flesh, but that living we may think upon death, and dying we may apprehend life; and rising from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, which is the first rising of grace, we may have our parts in the second, which is the rising to glory by Thy mercy, O most gracious Lord God, who dost live and govern all things, world without end.

*The following Prayer may be used when there is a Chapel  
to be Consecrated.*

O Lord God, mighty and glorious, and of incomprehensible Majesty, Thou fillest heaven and earth with the glory of Thy presence, and canst not be contained within any the largest compass, much less within the narrow walls of this house; yet forasmuch as Thou hast been pleased to command in Thy holy law, that we should put the remembrance of Thy Name upon places, and in every such place Thou wilt come to us and bless us; we are here now assembled to put Thy Name upon this place, and the memorial of it, to make it Thy House, to devote

and dedicate it for ever unto Thee, utterly separating it from all worldly uses, and to consecrate it wholly and only to the invocation of Thy glorious Name: accept, O Lord, this day's duty and service, sanctify this House with Thy gracious presence, and grant that whatsoever prayers in this sacred place shall be made according to Thy will may be accepted by Thy gracious favour, and returned with their desired success to Thy glory and to our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Bishop direct that the Sentence of Consecration be read by the appointed officer. This done, it shall be signed by the Bishop, who shall further direct that it be preserved among the Muniments of the Diocese.*

*The Bishop shall then say :*

Good People, by virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we have now consecrated, and for ever set apart from all profane and common uses, this ground, to be the resting-place of the dead until the glorious resurrection of the last day; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*Then shall they return unto the Church or Chapel, if desired, the Choir leading, and a Hymn being sung.*

*After this may follow*

AN ADDRESS.

*After the Address may be sung a Hymn.*

*Before the Blessing the Bishop shall say this Prayer :*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who art the God not of the dead, but of the living, and with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord :

Lord Jesu Christ, who by Thy death hast overcome death, and by Thy rising again hast opened to us the gate of everlasting life; who shalt send Thine angels, and gather Thine elect from all the ends of the earth:

Holy and blessed Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, whose temples the bodies of Thy servants are, by Thy sanctifying grace dwelling in them:

We humbly beseech Thee, O God, for them whose bodies shall in this place be gathered to their fathers, that they may rest in the hope of resurrection to eternal life through Thee, O blessed Lord God, who shalt change our vile body that it may be like unto Thy glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby Thou art able to bring all things, even death and all, into subjection to Thyself.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, accept, sanctify, and bless this place to that end whereunto, according to Thine own ordinance, we have ordained it, even to bestow the bodies of Thy servants in, till, the number of Thine elect being accomplished, they with us, and we with them, and with all other departed in the true faith of Thy holy Name, shall have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

NOTE.—*If so desired, the Litany may be said, and a Proper Lesson read, in place of the Morning or Evening Prayer ; after which the Consecration shall take place after the same order as that which follows the third Collect in the preceding Service.*

*For the Consecration of a Cemetery, or a portion thereof, the Service prescribed (on pp. 30, 31) to be held within the Church may be omitted.*

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*A Processional Hymn may be sung ; after which MORNING PRAYER, or EVENING PRAYER [in the shortened form if desired] shall be said, to the end of the Third Collect.*

PROPER PSALMS.

Psalm cxxi. *Levavi oculos.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord Himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand ;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm cxxii. *Lætatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me : We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.

Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

First Lesson.—Joshua i. 1-10.

Second Lesson.—St. John x. 1-19.

*After the Third Collect the Bishop shall say :*

Dearly beloved in the Lord : In the Name of God, and in the presence of this Congregation, we purpose now to



give Institution into the Cure of Souls in this Parish to our well-beloved in Christ, A. B., Clerk [Master of Arts]. I direct, therefore, that the Letter Testimonial respecting him be now publicly read.

LETTER TESTIMONIAL.

*To the Right Reverend  
Lord Bishop of*

We whose names are hereunder written, testify and make known, That A. B., Clerk [Master of Arts], to be instituted to the [Rectory] of                      in the County of                      in the Diocese of                      hath been personally known to us for the space of three years last past; that we have had opportunities of observing his conduct; that, during the whole of that time, we verily believe that he lived piously, soberly and honestly, nor have we at any time heard anything to the contrary thereof; nor hath he at any time, as far as we know and believe, held, written, or taught anything contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Church of England; and, moreover, we believe him in our consciences to be, as to his moral conduct, a person worthy to be instituted to the said Benefice.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day of                      , in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

C. D. [Rector of]

E. F.                      „

G. H.                      „

*Then the Bishop shall say:*

Brethren, forasmuch as the charge of immortal souls, which our blessed Lord and Saviour has purchased with

His own most precious blood, is so solemn and weighty a thing, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He would vouchsafe to give to this His servant grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust.

*Then shall silence be kept for a space, so that prayer may be made to God.*

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Bishop.* O Lord, save Thy servant.

*Response.* Who putteth his trust in Thee.

*Bishop.* O Lord, send him help from Thy holy place.

*Response.* And evermore mightily defend him.

*Bishop.* Be unto him a tower of strength.

*Response.* From the face of his enemy.

*Bishop.* O Lord, hear our prayer.

*Response.* And let our cry come unto Thee.

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give to Thy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandedst them earnestly to feed Thy flock; Make, we beseech Thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach Thy Holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may together receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are called to any office or administration in the same, and especially to this Thy servant now present before Thee; and so replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine and endue him with innocency of life, that he may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name and the benefit of Thy Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*Then shall be sung, all still kneeling: •*

Come, HOLY GHOST, our souls inspire,  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing SPIRIT art,  
Who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above  
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of Thy grace :  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home ;  
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the FATHER, SON,  
And THEE, of both, to be but ONE ;  
That, through the ages all along,  
This may be our endless song :

Praise to Thy eternal merit,  
FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

*Then follow the Declarations to be made and the Oaths  
to be taken by the [Rector-elect].*

#### THE DECLARATIONS.

##### 1.—*Of Assent.*

“I, A. B., Clerk [Master of Arts], do solemnly make the following Declaration :—I assent to the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, and to the Book of Common Prayer and of the Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. I believe the Doctrine of the Church of England as therein set forth to be agreeable to the Word of God ; and in Public Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments I will use the Form in the said Book described, and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.”

##### 2.—*Against Simony.*

(The Form prescribed in the Benefices Act, 1898.)

THE OATHS.

1.—*Of Allegiance.*

“I, A. B., do swear that I will be faithful, and will bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King Edward, His Heirs and Successors according to Law.

“*So help me God.*”

2.—*Of Canonical Obedience.*

“I, A. B., do swear that I will pay true and Canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of \_\_\_\_\_ and his Successors, in all things lawful and honest.

“*So help me God.*”

*Then, the [Rector-elect] kneeling before him, the Bishop shall Institute him in the accustomed form<sup>1</sup>.*

*Then the Archdeacon or his Deputy, taking the Mandate of Induction in his hand, shall proceed with the Bishop, the Churchwardens, and the newly-instituted [Rector] to the Church door, and laying the hand of the [Rector] upon the key or handle of the door, shall say to him after the accustomed manner :*

“By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of the Church of \_\_\_\_\_, with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging.”

*Adding also :*

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

<sup>1</sup> If the Order of Service be specially printed for the occasion, the Form of Institution or Collation should be printed in full.

*After which the newly-inducted [Rector] shall toll the bell,  
to signify to the Parishioners his so taking possession.*

*Then, the Bishop and the [Rector] standing at the Font, the  
Bishop shall say :*

Hear the words of our Saviour Christ, written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew :

“Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people that they defer not the Baptism of their children; and diligently to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the Holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for Confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

*The [Rector]:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Then they shall proceed to the place where the Prayers are  
said, and the Bishop shall say :*

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the second chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy.

I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to say public prayer, and devoutly and reverently to order the service of God's house.

*The [Rector]:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*And at the place where the Lessons are read the Bishop shall say:*

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the third chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study and read God's Holy Word, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

*The [Rector]:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*At the Pulpit the Bishop shall say:*

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to preach God's Holy Word, and to use public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole; according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

*The [Rector]:* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Then they shall proceed to the Lord's Table, and the Bishop shall say :*

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the tenth and eleventh chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.”

It is the duty of the Minister diligently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

*The [Rector] :* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Then shall the Bishop, turning to the people, say :*

Hear the words of Saint Paul, written in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

“We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.”

I charge and exhort you, Brethren and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister, who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.



*After which the Archdeacon shall say the Prayers following:*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us Thy only and most dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors; by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock from all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy Holy Name: For these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee; and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all which, here or elsewhere, call upon Thy Holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other Thy benefits: and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by this Thy Minister, as by them over whom he is now appointed Thy Minister, Thy Holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

#### PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of

Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Here shall the Bishop speak to the people.*

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*Then shall be sung an Hymn.*

*Then the Bishop shall say this Prayer :*

O Almighty God, who makest us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure; Give Thy servant grace truly to perform the solemn vows and promises by him made; grant that he may be a faithful dispenser of Thy Holy Word and Sacraments; and that he may be a godly example to the people committed to his charge; so that after this life ended they may come together to Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Bishop, laying his hands upon the [Rector], shall then say:*

The LORD bless thee and keep thee; the LORD make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.

The peace of God, &c.

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## VII.

# FORM OF INSTITUTION INTO BENEFICES, AND OF LICENCE TO ASSISTANT CURACIES, As used by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace and elsewhere.

¶ *At the time appointed, the Bishop takes his seat near the Holy Table, and the Clerks to be instituted and licensed stand.*

¶ *The Bishop shall then say:*

Dearly beloved, in the Name of God, we purpose now to give Institution into the Cure of souls, and licence to serve Curacies in this Diocese, to you our well-beloved in Christ. And forasmuch as the charge of immortal souls, which our Blessed Lord and Saviour has purchased with His own most precious Blood, is so solemn and weighty

a thing, we beseech you to join together with us in hearty prayer to Almighty God, that He would vouchsafe to give unto us grace to perform aright the duties which appertain to so sacred and grave a trust.

¶ *Then shall be said, all kneeling :*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

*V. O Lord, save Thy people;*

*R. And bless Thine inheritance.*

*V. Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness;*

*R. And make Thy chosen people joyful.*

*V. O Lord, let Thy mercy be shewed upon us;*

*R. As we do put our trust in Thee.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at Thy first Coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee; Grant that the Ministers and Stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by

turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock; Make, we beseech Thee, all Bishops and Pastors of Thy Church diligently to preach Thy Holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may together receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, who of Thy Divine providence hast appointed divers orders in Thy Church; Give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same, and specially to these Thy servants now present before Thee; and so replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then may be sung a Hymn.*

¶ *Then the Declarations and Oaths are made, taken, and subscribed by the Clerks to be instituted, and likewise by those who are to be licensed as Curates.*

¶ *Each Clerk who is to be instituted then kneels before the Bishop, and is canonically instituted; and to those who are admitted to serve in Curacies or otherwise, the Bishop delivers their Licences.*

¶ *The Bishop then says :*

The Lord be with you :  
*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who makest us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure ; Give Thy servants grace truly to perform the solemn vows and promises by them made ; grant that they may be faithful dispensers of Thy holy Word and Sacraments, and that they may be a godly example to the people committed to their charge, so that this life ended they may come together to Thy heavenly Kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Bishop shall bless them, saying :*

The LORD bless you and keep you ; the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you ; the LORD lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*



# FORM OF INDUCTION,

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## VIII.

### FORM OF INDUCTION,

When the new Incumbent has not been publicly instituted in the Parish Church.

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*Upon the Sunday next preceding the day appointed for the Office for Induction shall be read during the time of Divine Service the following or the like notice, and a copy of the same shall be placed upon the Church door :*

Notice is hereby given, that on                      next, the  
at                      o'clock in the                      the Archdeacon will publicly  
induct to the                      of this Parish the  
The Parishioners are requested to be present, and to join  
in prayer to Almighty God for a blessing on their newly-  
appointed Minister, and on his ministrations among  
them.

*Upon the day and at the hour appointed the Evening Prayer shall be said to the end of the Third Collect ; with the proper Psalms and proper Lessons following.*

PROPER PSALMS.

*Psalms lxxxiv, cxxi, cxxxii.*

PROPER LESSONS.

*Ezekiel xxxiii. to verse 12.*

*Titus ii.*

*After the Third Collect there may be an Anthem or Hymn.*

*Here may follow an Address or Sermon.*

*Then the Archdeacon shall say,*

*Let us pray.*

*Then shall follow these Prayers, the people and Priest to be inducted kneeling.*

*Archdeacon.* O Lord, save Thy servant ;

*Answer.* Which putteth his trust in Thee.

*Archdeacon.* Send him help from Thy holy place.

*Answer.* And evermore defend him.

*Archdeacon.* Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower,

*Answer.* From the face of his enemy.

*Archdeacon.* O Lord, hear our prayer.

*Answer.* And let our cry come unto Thee.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by Thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers Orders of Ministers in Thy Church ; Mercifully behold this Thy servant now called to the charge of this Parish ; and so replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue him with innocency of life, that, both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve Thee in this office, to the glory of Thy great Name, and the benefit of Thy holy Church ; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, that this Thy servant may so minister Thy Word and Sacraments that, having faithfully fulfilled his course, he may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous Judge, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee ; Grant that this Thy servant may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest and reignest with the

Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to send upon this Thy servant Thy heavenly blessing; that he may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy Word spoken by his mouth may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that these Thy people may have grace to hear and receive what he shall deliver out of Thy most Holy Word, as the means of their salvation; that in all their words and deeds they may seek thy glory, and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then the Archdeacon shall read the Mandate of Induction, and, taking it in his hand, shall proceed with the Churchwardens, the Patron (if present), and the newly-instituted Priest to the Church door, and, laying the hand of the Priest upon the key or handle of the door, shall say to him after the accustomed manner: "By virtue of this Mandate I do induct you into the real, actual, and corporal possession of this Church of \_\_\_\_\_ with all the rights, profits, and appurtenances thereto belonging."*

¶ *Adding also:*

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. *Amen.*

*After which the newly-inducted Incumbent shall toll the bell to signify to the Parishioners his so taking possession.*

*Then, the Archdeacon and the new Incumbent standing at the Font, the Archdeacon shall say,*

Hear the words of our Saviour Christ, written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

It is the duty of the Minister frequently to admonish the people, that they defer not the baptism of their children; and diligently to seek out and bring any unbaptized persons in the parish to the Holy Sacrament of Baptism; and to catechize and prepare for confirmation by the Bishop those who have been baptized.

*Then the new Incumbent shall say,*

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Then they shall proceed to the place where the Prayers are said, and the Archdeacon shall say,*

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the second chapter of the First Epistle to Timothy,

I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for Kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to say public prayer, and devoutly and reverently to order the service of God's House.

*The new Incumbent.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*And at the place where the Lessons are read the Archdeacon shall say,*

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the third chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy,

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is

profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to study and read God's Holy Word, according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

*The new Incumbent.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*At the Pulpit, the Archdeacon shall say,*

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the fourth chapter of the Second Epistle to Timothy.

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently to preach God's Holy Word, and to use public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole; according to the solemn promise made at his Ordination.

*The new Incumbent.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Then they shall proceed to the Lord's Table, and the Archdeacon shall say,*

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the tenth and eleventh chapters of the First Epistle to the Corinthians.

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the Blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the Body of Christ? For we being many are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. As often as ye eat

this bread and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

It is the duty of the Minister diligently and frequently to celebrate the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ.

*The new Incumbent.* I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

*Then shall the Archdeacon, turning to the people, say,*

Hear the words of St. Paul, written in the fifth chapter of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

I charge and exhort you, Brethren and Churchwardens of this Parish, to pray continually for this your Minister, who is set over you in the Lord, and to help him forward in all the duties of his holy calling. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

*Then shall silence be kept for a space, while the Congregation secretly in their Prayers make their humble supplications to God for these things, all devoutly kneeling. After which the Archdeacon shall say the Prayers following.*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, who, of Thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us Thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesu Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Doctors, and Pastors;

by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock from all parts of the world, to set forth the eternal praise of Thy holy Name: For these so great benefits of Thy eternal goodness we render unto Thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship Thee; and we humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant unto all which either here or elsewhere call upon Thy holy Name, that we may continue to show ourselves thankful unto Thee for these and all other Thy benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forwards in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son, by the Holy Spirit. So that as well by this Thy Minister, as by them over whom he is now appointed Thy Minister, Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy blessed kingdom enlarged; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, world without end. *Amen.*

#### A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

#### 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



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## IX.

# SPECIAL DEDICATIONS.

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*The following special Psalms, Lessons, Collects and Versicles are sanctioned by the Bishop for use on the occasions specified.*

*Such further selections as are in each case appropriate may be made from the Special Services appointed for the Consecration or Dedication of Churches.*

*In all cases the following Form may be used together with the Psalms, Lessons, and Collects suggested :*

“In the Faith of Jesus Christ we  
“dedicate this —— to the glory of  
“God [and in memory of His Servant  
“A.B.] in the Name of the Father, and  
“of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
“Amen.”

*The Prayer on page 22, “O most glorious Lord God,” may be adapted for use at any of the following Special Dedications.*



## IX (1).

# FOR THE DEDICATION OF A FONT.



Psalms xxiii and xlv.

First Lesson.—Exodus xiv. 19–23, *or* 2 Kings v. 9–15.

Second Lesson.—St. John iii. 1–9, *or* Romans vi. 1–12.

### SPECIAL VERSICLES.

*V.* Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean.

*R.* *Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*V.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*R.* *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

*Bishop.* Let us pray.

Almighty God, hallow by Thy heavenly visitation, and the radiancy of Thy Holy Spirit, this font, which we dedicate unto Thee, that whosoever shall be baptized therein, being cleansed by the threefold washing, may of Thy bounty obtain the pardon of all their sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Multiply, O Lord, Thy blessings, and, by the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith, that whoso goeth down into these waters may be written in the book of life. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, bring us to the fellowship of heavenly joys; that Thou mayest vouchsafe an entrance into Thy kingdom to those that are born again of the Holy Ghost, and that the flock may reach that place whither the Shepherd hath gone before; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Lord Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[See page 64; and also the Prayer in Office for the Dedication of a Church, page 13.]

## IX (2).

# FOR THE BENEDICTION OF AN ALTAR OR HOLY TABLE.



Psalms lxxxiv and cxxxii.

First Lesson.—Exodus xii. 21–29.

Second Lesson.—1 Cor. xi. 23–27.

### SPECIAL VERSICLES.

Lord, have mercy, &c.

Our Father, &c.

*V.* O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me.

*R.* And bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling.

*V.* I will go unto the Altar of God;

*R.* Even the God of joy and gladness.

*V.* I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord.

*R.* And so will I go to Thine Altar.

[*For Prayer, see form of Dedication of a Church, page 14.*]

O Holy God, merciful Father, who didst accept the offering of Abel and the willing sacrifice of Abraham; who didst command Thy servant Moses to institute Sacrifices as shadows of the One Offering, Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the eternal Priest after the Order of Melchisedeck: bless, we beseech Thee this Altar for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries wherein is shown forth the perpetual Memorial of the One most blessed Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, who once for all suffered for the sins of the whole world, and now ever liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, One God world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who in Thy wonderful Sacrament hast left us a Memorial of Thy Passion; grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*Prayer of "Humble Access," if desired. See also page 64.*]

O God, who didst teach thy servant Moses to build Thee a tabernacle after the pattern that was shewn him in the Mount, making earthly things to be a sign and token of things heavenly: grant to us who have been brought unto Thee by the more excellent ministry of Thy Son, to grow into an holy temple in the Lord, builded together for an habitation of God in the Spirit, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

[*This last Prayer may be used at other Dedications.*]



## IX (3).

# FOR THE DEDICATION OF A PULPIT OR LECTERN.



Psalms cxix. 9-41.

First Lesson.—Deut. xxxi. 9-14, *or* Neh. viii. 1-9, *or* 2 Chr. xxxiv. 29-33.

Second Lesson.—St. Luke iv. 14-33, *or* St. Luke xxiv. 13-36, *or* Acts viii. 26 to end, *or* 2 Tim. iv. 1-9.

### SPECIAL VERSICLES.

*V.* Open Thou mine eyes.

*R.* *That I may see the wondrous things of Thy Law.*

### SPECIAL COLLECTS.

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word, which shall be read and preached in this place, and by Thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*[For a Pulpit.]*

O Almighty God, who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants with the knowledge of Thy truth; give, we beseech Thee, to those who shall teach in this pulpit the spirit of wisdom and understanding of counsel and might, that they may speak those things which belong unto eternal life: and grant that Thy people, taught in Thy ways, may so take heed what they hear, as to fulfil all the wholesome precepts delivered to them; so that by the Word of Truth they may at length attain unto Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*[For a Lectern.]*

Grant, O Lord, that all who in this place shall read the Scriptures which Thou hast given us may be filled with the faith of the Gospel, and with thankfulness to Thee who dost reveal Thyself to men by the Word of Life. And grant that all who hear may receive that word into honest and good hearts, and may bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Send forth, O Lord, we pray Thee, Thy light into our hearts, that we may perceive the light of Thy commandments, and, walking in Thy way, may fall into no error; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent*

*[See also page 64.]*

## IX (4).

# FOR THE DEDICATION OF AN ORGAN.



xcviii.

Psalms xxix, cviii, cl.

First Lesson.—2 Chr. xxix. 25–31.

Second Lesson.—Rev. v. 6<sup>8</sup> to end, *or* Rev. xiv. 1–4.

### SPECIAL VERSICLES.

*V.* O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready.

*R.* *I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.*

*V.* Awake, thou lute and harp.

*R.* *I myself will awake right early.*

### SPECIAL COLLECTS.

O God, who by Thy servant David didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music, to praise Thee because Thy mercy endureth for ever; Graciously vouchsafe to receive at our hands this Organ, which we dedicate unto Thy service, that we may sing our songs thereto all the days of our life in the House of the Lord; and grant us so to do with the spirit and with the understanding also, that we may be numbered among them who shall sing the new song before Thy throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

We bless Thee, Lord, for Thy blessings upon us, and for all Thy servants into whose hearts Thou hast put it to dedicate this Organ unto Thy Name. Bless them with the riches of Thy goodness, and grant that by the reverent and holy use of this instrument Thy praise may now and ever be set forth in Thy Church, and Thy service day by day be done in the beauty of holiness for Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to accept with Thy favour the offering which we have now dedicated to Thee, for the honour of Thy holy Name [and in loving memory of Thy servant], and grant that all who worship here, may, by its music, be led to sing with grace in their hearts unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Collect for All Saints' Day.*

[*See also page 64.*]

IX (5).

FOR THE DEDICATION OF A  
CHURCH BELL.

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Psalms xxix, cxxii; cl.

First Lesson.—Num. x. 1–11.

Second Lesson.—Heb. xii. 18 to end.

SPECIAL VERSICLES.

*V.* Sing we merrily unto God our strength.

*R.* Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

¶ *Selection shall be made from the following prayers:*

Almighty God, who by the mouth of Thy servant Moses didst command to make two silver trumpets for the convocation of solemn assemblies; Be pleased to accept our offering of this the work of our hands: bless, sanctify, and hallow these Bells for our use, and grant that through this generation, and through those that are to come, they may continually call together Thy faithful people, to praise and worship Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of these Bells to Thine House of Prayer, may enter

into Thy gates with thanksgiving, and into Thy courts with praise; and finally may sing the song of the Lamb in Thine House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness or any other necessity be hindered from coming into the House of the Lord, may by these Bells be reminded of the prayers of Thy Church and rejoice in the Communion of Saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who with their outward ears shall in their daily calling hear the sound of these Bells, may be stirred inwardly in their hearts, and draw nearer in spirit unto Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all they who shall minister to Thy service by ringing these Bells may be filled with reverence and godly fear, and mindful of the sacredness of Thy House, may put away from them all idle thoughts and light behaviour in the discharge of their service, and so continue in holiness of life, that they be counted worthy to stand with those who praise Thee evermore in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all they, for whose passing away from this world these Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of Thine elect, and find grace, light, and everlasting rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Then let the Bells ring a short peal, during which the Bishop and Clergy and Choir return to the Chancel.*

[See also page 64.]

## IX (6).

# FOR THE DEDICATION OF A WINDOW.

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Psalms xxvii, xliii, lxxxiv.

First Lesson.—Is. liv. 11–15.

Second Lesson.—Rev. vii. 9.

### SPECIAL VERSICLES.

*V.* Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts.

*R.* Show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

*V.* Show Thy servants Thy work.

*R.* And their children Thy glory.

*V.* Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us.

*R.* O prosper Thou our handiwork.

### SPECIAL COLLECTS.

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, the entrance of whose Word giveth light; Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this offering at our hands, for the adornment of Thy House of Prayer, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory and ourselves to Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

O Almighty and eternal God, whose Divine Majesty filleth heaven and earth, who nevertheless dost deign to receive our willing offerings of what Thyself hast given; Vouchsafe, we humbly beseech Thee, to accept this Window which we now dedicate to Thy honour, for the adornment of Thy House [and in memory of Thy servant]. Grant that they who worship here, being drawn by thy Holy Spirit to the contemplation and love of heavenly things, may daily be conformed to the image of Thy dear Son; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and praise now and for evermore. *Amen.*

[*See also page 64.*]



## IX (7).

# FOR THE DEDICATION OF A CHANCEL SCREEN.

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Psalms xv, lxxxiv.

First Lesson.—Ex. iii. 1-16.

Second Lesson.—Heb. x. 19-26.

### SPECIAL VERSICLES.

V. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee.

R. *In whose heart are Thy ways.*

V. They will go from strength to strength.

R. *And unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.*

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth; Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this offering at our hands, which we dedicate to Thee for the adornment of Thy Sanctuary and House of Prayer, and to consecrate this our gift to Thy glory, and ourselves to Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that all who shall approach Thy Sanctuary through these gates, may come before Thee with pure thoughts and clean hearts, and serving Thee with reverence and godly fear, may be acceptable in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[See also page 64.]

IX (8).

FOR THE DEDICATION OF A  
LYCH GATE.

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Psalms xxiii. and xxxix.

First Lesson.—Isaiah xxv. 8–10 ; lxii. 10 to end.

Second Lesson.—St. Luke vii. 11–18, *or* St. John xix. 38–42.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord : he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live : and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him ; and that through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful Resurrection ; for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who passing through this Gate shall here lay the bodies of Thy Saints to rest, in hope of the blessed Resurrection, may evermore steadfastly believe in the Fellowship and Communion of Thy Saints, living and departed ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Collect for All Saints' Day.*

[*See also p. 64.*]

X.

THE LAYING THE FOUNDATION  
STONE OF A SCHOOL;  
OR, THE  
OPENING OF A SCHOOL BUILDING.

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*When all have taken their appointed places, the Minister  
shall say :*

Except the Lord build the house,  
*R. Their labour is but lost that build it.*  
*V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord ;*  
*R. Who hath made heaven and earth.*  
*V. O Lord, hear our prayer ;*  
*R. And let our cry come unto Thee.*  
*V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord ;*  
*R. From this time forth for evermore.*

*Then shall be sung*  
Psalm cxix. 9-17.

*Then shall the Minister say :*

The Lord be with you.  
*R. And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

*Then the Minister, standing up and laying his hand upon the Stone, shall say :*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the living God, who art the brightness of the Father's Glory, and the express image of His Person ; the one Foundation, and the chief Corner Stone ; Bless what we now do in [laying this Stone<sup>1</sup>] in Thy Name, and be Thou, we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the consummation of this our work, which is undertaken to the Glory of Thy Name, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister say :*

Behold I lay in Sion a chief Corner Stone, elect, precious.

*R. And he that believeth in Him shall not be confounded.*

*V. The Stone which the builders refused,*

*R. Is become the headstone of the corner.*

*V. This is the Lord's doing ;*

*R. And it is marvellous in our eyes.*

*V. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,*

*R. Which is Jesus Christ.*

*V. Praise ye the Lord.*

*R. The Lord's Name be praised.*

*Then all things being made ready, the Stone shall be laid by the person appointed thereto with these words :*

In the faith of Jesus Christ we [place this Foundation Stone<sup>2</sup>], in the Name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

<sup>1</sup> [Or, dedicating this Building.]

<sup>2</sup> [Or, dedicate this Building.]

*Then may be sung a Hymn.*

The Lesson. St. Luke ii. 40-end.

*Then shall the Minister say :*

The Lord be with you.

*R. And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

O Holy Lord God, who art the Giver of all wisdom, and dost will that children should be brought up in the fear and love of Thy holy Name, pour down, we beseech Thee, the gift of Thy loving-kindness upon this place, that all who shall be gathered together in it, to be trained according to the testimonies of Thy law, with pious hearts, may continually love what Thou commandest and desire that which Thou dost promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who although Thou art Very God wast subject unto Thine earthly parents; Grant unto Thy children in this place to be gentle and teachable, that they may readily obey those set over them by Thee, and that as they grow in years they may grow in grace and in Thy favour, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Blessed Lord, who didst command little children to be brought unto Thee, and didst take them up in Thine arms and bless them; We beseech Thee to send Thy blessing upon all who, having been grafted into Thy Church by Baptism, shall be brought up here to lead a godly and a Christian life. Keep them, O Lord, from all evil, and grant them hereafter to stand with those who ever behold the face of Thy Father which is in heaven; with whom and the Holy Ghost Thou livest one God for evermore. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who dost so care for the lambs of Thy flock that Thou didst specially bid Thine Apostle St. Peter diligently to feed them; [Let Thy heavenly blessing rest upon this school, which has been built to fulfil this Thy charge.] Bless, O Lord, here the labours of the ministers and teachers of Thy Word. Grant that they may seek first and before all things to make those who shall be entrusted to their care wise unto salvation through the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and to bring them up in Thy faith and fear. Grant to those who teach, to be taught of Thee; to hear meekly Thy Word, and receive it by Thy grace with pure affection. May true religion and useful learning ever flourish in this place, and grant that many having been trained in the knowledge and love of Thee here, may go forth from hence truly and godly to serve Thee, who liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God the Holy Ghost, may Thy heavenly Presence, we pray Thee, be ever with the Teachers and Scholars of this school, that they may be hallowed thereby, and that the fullness of Thy sevenfold gifts may rest upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## ADDRESS.

### HYMN.

*Collect for St. Simon and St. Jude's Day.*

"Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings," &c.

### THE BLESSING.

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

# XI.

## FORM FOR THE OPENING OF A CHURCH ROOM OR INSTITUTE.

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*When the Choir and Clergy are assembled in the Room,  
a Hymn shall be sung ; after which the Minister shall  
say :*

Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly  
love ; in honour preferring one another ; not slothful in  
business ; fervent in spirit ; serving the Lord.

*V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.*

*R. Who hath made heaven and earth.*

*V. Be Thou my strong rock and house of defence.*

*R. That thou mayest save me.*

*V. Lord, hear our prayer.*

*R. And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c

*Then shall follow one or more of these Prayers :*

Almighty God, from whom cometh down every good and every perfect gift, and through whom alone it is that we can offer to Thee of Thine own ; Accept the offering now humbly made of this Building ; bless it for the uses to which it may be put ; and grant that what is here done may be for Thy glory and the help of Thy people, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art the chief Corner Stone of Thy Church ; Bless this Building which is now completed in Thy Name, and grant that it may tend to promote Thy glory, and the welfare of Thy people in this place. Fill those who shall frequent it with a spirit of love towards Thee, and towards all men. Within these walls may harsh thoughts be ever subdued, and unkind words unspoken, and may those who here shall learn the way of Thy statutes walk before Thee with a perfect heart, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love ; Keep, we beseech Thee, those who shall meet from time to time in this place under the protection of Thy good providence, and make them to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name. May they never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord God, who art the giver of all wisdom, and willest that children shall be brought up in the fear and love of Thy holy Name ; Pour down, we beseech Thee,



Thy loving-kindness upon all who shall be gathered together in this place, and grant that they may grow in grace and be delivered from all evils of body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister say,*

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the Glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*Here a Hymn may be sung.*

Let us pray.

Visit, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this habitation with Thy mercy, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell here and keep us in peace, and let Thy blessing be upon us for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the Fountain of all Charity, who only makest households to be at one together; Vouchsafe to us, we beseech Thee, Thy holy and joyful gift of unity, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.

XII.

FORM FOR

THE OPENING OF A WING OR WARD  
OF A HOSPITAL.

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¶ *After a Hymn has been sung, the Minister shall say :*

Let us pray.

*V. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*R. Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*V. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Our Father, &c.

*V. Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High,*

*R. Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;*

*R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Psalm cxxi.

¶ *Then one of the following Lessons may be read :*

St. Matt. ix. 1-14, St. James v. 7-17, Ecclus. xxxviii. 1-15, Rev. vii. 13-17.

*The Minister.*

Let us pray, brethren, unto the Lord our God, that He may enlighten this Hospital with His loving-kindness, and grant unto its inmates the protection of His Divine Majesty.

¶ *Then shall follow one or more of these Prayers :*

O God, who ever governest Thy creatures with tender affection ; Incline Thine ear to our supplications, and graciously regard Thy servants who in this house are suffering from any illness or weakness. Visit them with Thy saving health, and bestow on them the medicine of Thy heavenly grace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who hast vouchsafed to mankind both the remedies of healing and the gifts of eternal life ; Preserve to thy sick and suffering servants the gifts of Thy power ; and grant that not only in their bodies, but also in their souls they may experience Thy healing ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast enabled us to erect buildings for the relief of the suffering of our fellow-men, and unto Thine honour ; and we beseech Thy goodness graciously to accept them for this sacred service, and to prosper our undertaking. Receive our prayers, and the prayers of all Thy servants who entering this house shall call to Thee for help. Prosper all the works of tenderness and skill that shall be done in Thy spirit, and bless this Home for ever to the assuaging of pain, the solace of helplessness and weariness, and to the last comfort of the dying ; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve these Thy servants. Look upon them with the eyes of Thy mercy, give them comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Then shall the Minister say:*

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the Glory of God, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

*Then a Hymn may be sung.*

Let us pray.

Bless, O Lord, the work of Thine own hands; and grant that all they who with pure intent have given their aid to the raising of this Building, whensoever they shall call upon Thy Holy Name, may be preserved both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*[For Doctors.]*

O Lord, the healer of all our diseases, who knowest how the sick have need of a physician; Grant that all those also whom Thou hast called to be sharers with Thee in Thy work of healing may exercise their art in dependence on Thee, and may receive Thy heavenly aid in all their ministrations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*[For Nurses.]*

O Almighty Father, look with Thy mercy upon Thy servants who have been called to tend the sick and suffering; grant to them the guidance and comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, that with patience and tenderness, wisdom and strength, they may faithfully minister to those to whom Thou shalt send them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Collect for St. Luke's Day.*

We most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom and through whom thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING.

## XIII.

### SPECIAL FORMS FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

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A.—FORM OF SERVICE which may be used in any case where the Office for the Burial of the Dead may not be used, and in any other case at the request of the relative, friend, or legal representative having charge of, or being responsible for, the burial of the deceased.\*

The three sentences of the Scriptures to be said or sung on meeting the Corpse at the entrance of the Burial Ground.

¶ *After they are come to the Church or to the grave one or more of the following Psalms may be used :*

Psalms vi, xxxix, xc, cxliii.

The Lesson, 1 Cor. xv. 20 ; or instead thereof—  
Mark v. 35 ; Luke xviii. 15–17 ; 1 Thess. iv. 13 ; 2 Peter iii. 8–14 ; Rev. xxii. 11–13.

¶ *While the corpse is made ready to be laid into the earth the Priest may say “ Man that is born of a woman,” &c., ending with the words, “ fall from Thee.”*

Lord have mercy, &c.

*Then* The Lord's Prayer.

\* See the Acts 43 and 44 Vict. cap. 41, § 13.

¶ *Then one or more of the Collects following :*

O Lord, raise up (we pray Thee) Thy power, &c.—*Fourth Sunday in Advent.*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested, &c.—*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.*

O Lord, we beseech Thee favourably to hear our prayers, &c.—*Septuagesima Sunday.*

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized, &c.—*Easter Eve.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear, &c.—*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.*

O God, whose nature and property, &c.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, &c.—*Communion Service.*

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, &c.

The Grace of our Lord, &c.

B.—A FORM OF BENEDICTION at a Grave, in an *unconsecrated* Burial Ground, which may be said before the body is laid in the Grave.

O Merciful God, with whom the death of Thy Saints is precious, and who hast taught us in thy Holy Word that the bodies of the faithful are members of Christ and temples of the Holy Ghost, and that, having been sown in weakness, they will be raised in power; we humbly beseech Thee to sanctify this Grave to be a peaceful resting-place for the mortal remains of our dear *brother* here departed; and grant, O Lord, that we, with all those that are departed

this life in Thy true faith and fear, and are fallen asleep in Christ, may attain to the resurrection of the just, and may have the full fruition of perfect bliss and everlasting glory, both in body and soul, in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, and who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. *Amen.*



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